

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James James SC4278
Audited Account No. 3992A

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Petition of James James praying for a pension
Pensions
J. Middleton

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To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina
The Humble Petition of James James of the district of Chesterfield in the State aforesaid respectfully Sheweth that your petitioner was during the Revolutionary War from time to time whenever it came to his return to Serve engaged in the American Service. Your petitioner Served under Col^s Wade [Thomas Wade], Crawford [Thomas Crawford] & Love [probably Lt. Col. David Love of Anson County, NC] and Capts. Wall [Wright Wall] & Speed [sic, Jesse Steads] & the last three months under Capt. W. Easterling [William Easterling] – your petitioner cannot boast of having been in any engagement of note, but was in frequent skirmishes with the Tories, at one time at Bittis's Bridge² on Drowning Creek & at another time near a place called Ashpole³ as your petitioner believes in Marion District – Your petitioner further states that he is now about Eighty one years of age that he has lost all the little property that he had & has no person to work for him, he is now unable to make his own support & having understood only lately that provision is sometimes made by your Honorable bodies for the relief of the old, infirm & indigent soldiers of the revolution, he now presents himself before your Honorable body as such, hoping that the circumstances attending his age [? word unclear] & the vouchers accompanying this his [paper damaged and text missing] may be sufficient to prove to the satisfaction [paper damaged and text missing] Honorable body's that he is deserving such [paper damaged and text missing] and your petitioner will ever pray.

S/ James James

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

² Sic, Beatti's Bridge August 4, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_beattis_bridge.html

³ Ashpole Swamp is in Robeson County, NC



South Carolina

Chesterfield District } Personally came James James before me [paper damaged and rendered illegible as posted online]

October 30

S/ James James

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A Schedule of James James' property

Two or Three Changes of clothing worth say \$10

South Carolina

Chesterfield District } Personally came James James before me & being duly sworn saith that the above schedule contains a full statement of all the property he possesses at this time & that he has [paper damaged and text missing] posed of any part of his property for the [paper damaged and text missing] bringing himself within the rules for placing him on the pension list.

Sworn before me

October 30th, 1829

S/ Hugh Craig, Q. U.

S/ James James

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North Carolina Richmond County } Before me personally came Israel Watkings [Israel Watkins?] of the County & State aforesaid, who being duly sworn, says that he was acquainted with James James of Chesterfield District South Carolina in the war of the Revolution, and that said James, was [undeciphered words] in one engagement with the Tories in North Carolina and one in South Carolina, That said James served under Captain Wall and Colonels Wade, Crawford & Love.

Sworn to before me

the 16th day of July 1829

S/ F. T. Leak, JP

S/ Israel Watkings X his mark

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State of South Carolina Marlborough District } Before me Jonathan Adams one of the Justices of the Peace for the said District Personally appeared William Easterling⁴ Esquire of said District who being duly sworn says on his Oath that he was acquainted with Mr. James James (now of Chesterfield District S. Carolina) in the time of the war of the Revolution, and that he (said James) served faithfully, a Tour of three months service in a light Horse Company under his command in Richmond County North Carolina near the close of the war and this deponent further saith that he has no recollection of said James ever being backward or refusing to turn out in defense of his country whenever called on.

S/ Wm Easterling



Sworn and signed before me

⁴ [William Easterling \(Esterling\) R14028](#)

the 26th day of August 1829
S/ Jonathan Adams, JP

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South Carolina Chesterfield District }

Personally came Joseph Hall before me Hugh Craig one of the Justices of the Quorum for said District who being duly sworn saith that he knew James James in the time of the revolutionary war & served as an American Soldier with him – That he was in an engagement with said James on Buck Swamp⁵ in Marlborough District [Marlboro District] against the Tories who had assembled there at that time – That he had frequently heard of Mr. James being in the service previous to the event above alluded to, but the deponent being under age did not take any active part in the war until that time, & that he always heard Mr. James & all the family of them spoken well of as being true Whigs & very much attached to the American cause.

Sworn to before me

March 12, 1830

S/ Hugh Craig, Q. U.

S/ Joseph Hall, X his mark

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of James James praying to be placed on the Pension List

Report

That at the last Session of the Legislature the Petitioner presented his Petition for a Pension, upon which Petition a favorable Report was made and concurred in. That by some inadvertence the Report was drawn in favor of James Jones instead of the real name of the Petitioner by means whereof he has been unable to draw the Pension. Your Committee therefore recommend that he the said James James be now placed on the Pension Roll & permitted to draw one Years' back Arrearages of Pension

S/ Peter J. Shand, Chairman

[Note: There are no documents in this file indicating that a pension was actually paid to the petitioner.]

⁵ I could not identify this engagement in the resources available to me. The only "Buck Swamp" I could find in SC is in modern day Dillon County, south of the Dillon and north of Marion.